



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner	:	Dean J. Kramer	
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Inventor	:	Ritsuo Nakajima	Confirmation No.: 5242
Title	:	DROP-BOTTOM CONTAINER	Dated: July 16, 2004

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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x 9=	\$
x43=	\$
+145=	\$

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x86=	\$
+290=	\$

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In response to the Official Action dated March 22, 2004, Applicant amends the Application as follows: